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Applicants:

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SELF SUPPORTING STORAGE BAG WITH RESEALABLE POUR SPOUT

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 BY ALAN D. OLIN

Sir:

- I, Alan D. Olin, of 273 King Street, Redwood City, CA 94062, declare as follows:
- 1. I am one of the named inventors in the above-referenced patent application.
- 2. I conceived of the invention or inventions disclosed in U.S. patent application, serial no. 09/339,702 (hereinafter, the "702 Application") prior to January 27, 1999; I documented some of the embodiments of said invention or inventions, numbered 1-16, in a 4-page document (hereinafter, the "Invention Disclosure"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 3. On January 27, 1999, I asked Mr. Mike Mahmoudian of 851 Burlway Road, Suite 519, Burlingame, CA 94010 to review and sign the Invention Disclosure.

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4. Between January 27, 1999 and June 24, 1999, I worked diligently with Mr.

Thomas C. Feix of 241 N. San Mateo Drive, San Mateo, CA 94401, my patent attorney, to prepare the '702 Application, which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 24, 1999 and subsequently issued as U.S. Patent 6,206,571 on March 27, 2001.

- 5. Embodiments 15 and 16 of the Invention Disclosure were incorporated into the '702 Application as Figs. 18 and 19.
- 6. All statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed by me to be true

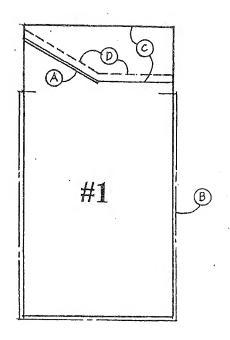
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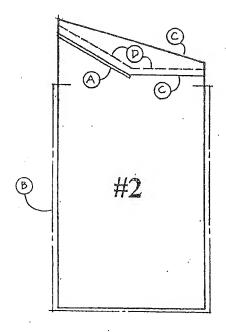
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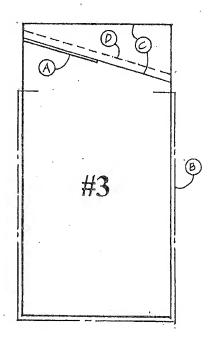
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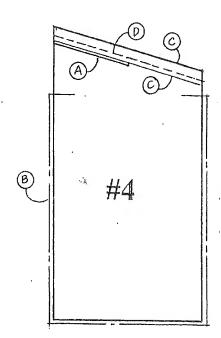
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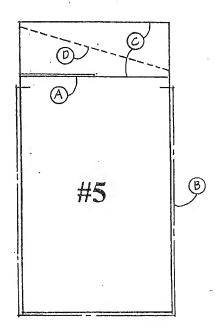


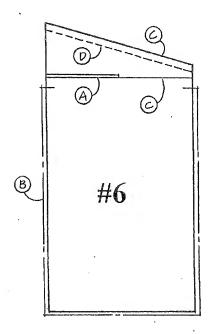
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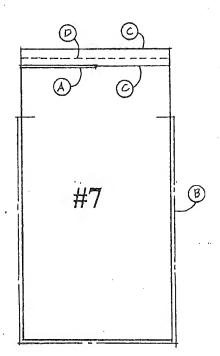
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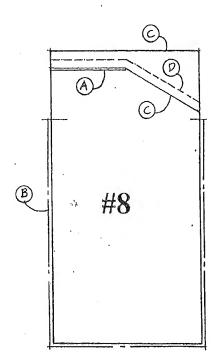
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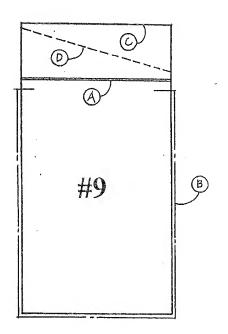


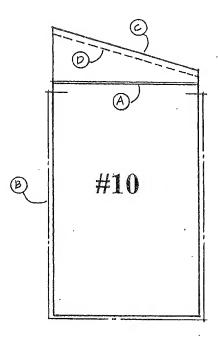
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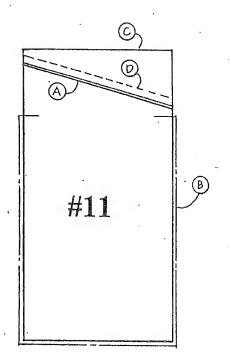
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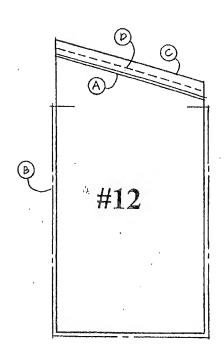
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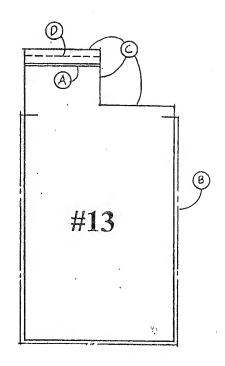


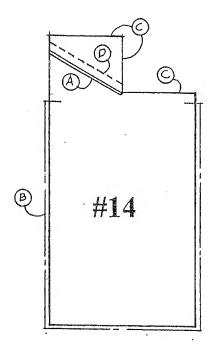
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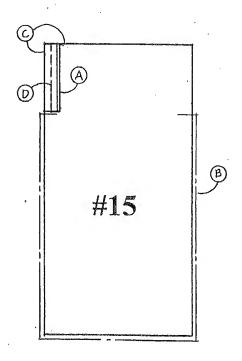
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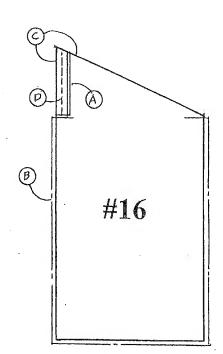
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